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REMARKS

Appreciation is hereby expressed to Examiner Pryor for the interview so courteously granted on March 18, 2005. During that discussion, the undersigned respectfully pointed out that the proposed Claim 29 in the Amendment Under Rule 1.312 corresponds in substance to Claim 29 as originally allowed in the Office Action mailed April 13, 2004 and, is in fact more definite by inserting the word "the" before the expression "other carbon atom". It is believed that this proposed language removes any ambiguity in the claim and more accurately describes the C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> ketol fatty acid used in the method of the present invention.

It is also pointed out that Claim 29 as proposed in the Amendment Under Rule 1.312 hardly differs in scope from the Claim 29 as originally allowed and, therefore, the granting of the Amendment Under Rule 1.312 would not require further search or raise new issues concerning allowability of Claim 29.

As the claim was amended in the Examiner's Amendment, the language on line 5 of Claim 29 of "other carbon atoms" is not believed to be as definite as the language "the other carbon atom". It is believed that definiteness with respect to this claim in no way broadens the claim or requires a further search. Instead, it insures that Claim 29 would meet all the legal standards with respect to definiteness. For this reason, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner would be justified in reconsidering the decision in the Office Action mailed March 3, 2005 and grant the allowance of the Amendment Under Rule 1.312 presenting Claim 29 in a more definite form.

It is believed that this request for reconsideration is a non-fee amendment. However, in the event there is any fee for this request for reconsideration, it is requested that it be charged to Deposit

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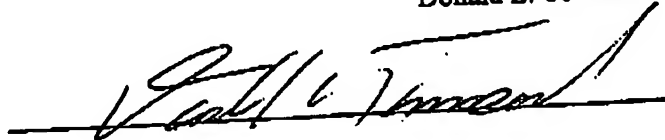
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**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this "Reconsideration of the Ruling on Amendment Under Rule 1.312 Filed on February 14, 2005", in Docket No. SHI-018-USA-PCT, Serial No. 10/069,173 filed May 31, 2002, was faxed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, FAX No. 703-872-9306

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